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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S INTERVIEW WITH HELEN THOMAS

1. PRESIDENT ASAD'S POLITICAL ADVISER, DAOUDI, HAS CALLED MY ATTENTION TO INTERVIEW PRESIDENT FORD REPORTEDLY GAVE CORRESPONDENT HELEN THOMAS ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 28. (EMBASSY BEIRUT SAYS ARABIC DAILY AN NAHAR CARRIED PARTIAL TEXT OF INTERVIEW ON DECEMBER 29.) DAOUDI ASKED IF I HAD SEEN TEXT OF INTERVIEW AND REMARKED THAT PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS ON RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE INDICATED HARDENING U.S. POSITION. I HAVE NO TEXT OF THIS INTERVIEW.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CABLE IMMEDIATELY TEXT OF PORTION OF INTERVIEW CONCERNING GENEVA CONFERENCE AND OTHER SECTIONS DEPARTMENT BELIEVES USEFUL IN MY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH DAOUDI.  
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